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MINES
LOK SABHA

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COMPENSATION CASES OF WORKERS OF CLOSED MINES
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether several mine workers of closed mines are yet to get compensation from the Government.;

(b) if so, the number of these retrenched employees who are still to get relief; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) to (c) : Yes, Sir. Bharat Gold Mines Limited (BGML) is the only public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Mines which has been closed. Out of 3580 employees on its rolls at the time of closure i.e. on 1.3.2001, 480 employees have taken voluntary retirement. As on date, there are 3100 ex-employees of BGML whose settlement is yet to be made. The Employees` Union challenged the closure orders before the High Court of Karnataka. After prolonged litigation, the Division Bench of Karnataka High Court in its order, dated 26.9.2003, upheld the winding-up/closure orders. The settlement package for the remaining employees is being worked out in the light of observations of the Hon`ble High Court.